

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0281145**

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**IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF RICHARDS, TOT OIL CO.**

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**FINAL ORDER**

The Commission finds that after notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding the captioned matter, the Operator failed to request a hearing and pay the hearing fee as required by 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §89.022(f). This matter having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Richards, Tot Oil Co. [Operator #707430] (the "Operator"), is the record operator or one or more inactive wells in the State of Texas and is required to file Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission. Operator's most recent P-5 was due on or before October 1, 2012.
2. After filing its most recent Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission, the Operator was notified they were deficient and had failed to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells) and provided with a written statement of the reasons for the determination and allowed ninety (90) days from the date its P-5 was due to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §§89.021 - 89.030.
3. After the expiration of ninety (90) days and pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE §3.15(g)(4), an authorized Commission employee determined that the Operator's Organization Report still could not be renewed because the Operator continued to fail to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
4. The Commission sent the Operator a letter by certified mail giving notice to the Operator of the determination of continued non-compliance regarding specified inactive wells, attached as Exhibit A to this order, and advising the Operator of the right to request a hearing to show compliance. The letter notified the Operator that the hearing request must be received in docket services no later than 30 days after the date of the letter. The letter also notified the Operator that a final order denying renewal of the Operator's Organization Report (Form P-5) would result in the cancellation of all P-4 Certificates of Compliance and the severance of all pipeline or other carrier connections.

5. All notices and letters from the Commission to the Operator on this matter were addressed and mailed to the Operator's most recently reported address on the Form P-5 Organization Report.
6. The Operator did not timely request a hearing and pay the hearing fee on these issues as required under 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
7. Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) is a Commission rule that relates to safety or the prevention or control of pollution.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Operator received proper notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.
2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties in this matter have been performed or have occurred.
3. The Operator is in violation of Commission Statewide Rule 15 and did not timely request a hearing to contest the determination that it was in violation.
4. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report should not be renewed and all of the Operator's P-4 Certificates of Compliance should be cancelled, with all related pipeline or other carrier connections severed. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 (g)(4) and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.022(f), 91.704 - 91.706.
5. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report cannot be renewed until the operator brings the inactive wells shown on the attached Exhibit A into compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.

**IT IS ORDERED** that renewal of Richards, Tot Oil Co.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

**It is further ORDERED** that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Richards, Tot Oil Co. as operator of record are hereby **CANCELLED** and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby **SEVERED**.

**It is further ORDERED** that Richards, Tot Oil Co. shall bring the wells on Exhibit A into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until the wells on Exhibit A have been brought into compliance as required by this order.

**It is further ORDERED** that Richards, Tot Oil Co. and each person who held a position of ownership or control in the Operator at the time the Operator's most-recent P-5 Organization Report was filed shall be subject to the terms of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §91.114.

**It is further ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 20 days after a party is notified of the Commission's order. A party is presumed to have been notified of the Commission's order three days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely motion for rehearing is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T. CODE §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law, is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the parties are notified of the order.

All requested Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which are not expressly adopted herein are **DENIED**. All pending motions and request for relief not previously granted or granted herein are **DENIED**.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

(Signatures affixed by Rule 15 Inactive Well  
Master Order dated March 26, 2013.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
447 31164	7B	27570	RICHARDS, W.L. -B Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	3
447 32160	7B	16443	RICHARD, RUBY Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	2
447 32212	7B	16139	KEETER, W.A. "A" Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)	2
447 32857	7B	25261	RICHARDS, MABEL Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	1
447 33109	7B	129665	RICHARDS, SALLIE Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	17A
447 34312	7B	26740	RICHARDS "B" Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	19
447 34316	7B	26740	RICHARDS "B" Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	20
447 34386	7B	26740	RICHARDS "B" Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	21
447 34919	7B	25475	SALLIE Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)	2
447 34920	7B	25475	SALLIE Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)	1
447 35194	7B	26308	ROWDY Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)	1
447 35294	7B	26697	LAMBSHEAD D-8 Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)	S 1
447 35438	7B	20847	DONNA GAYLE Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	4
447 35454	7B	26697	LAMBSHEAD D-8 Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)	S 18
447 35462	7B	26697	LAMBSHEAD D-8 Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)	S 19

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Exhibit A

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
447 35473	7B	26697	LAMBSHEAD D-8	
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				S 21
447 35778	7B	29312	WHITNEY	
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				5
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)				
447 35935	7B	16251	MARRS	
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				7
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)				
447 36030	7B	24890	SHEROD, BRADY	
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				2
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)				